

WEATHER FORECAST

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CONFLICTING ACCOUNTS OF
CONFLICT AT CARRIZALAmerican Troops Seem to Have Been Lured
by Mexicans Into an AmbushGREASERS CLAIM THAT THEY WON A VICTORY, BUT ADMIT THE DEATH OF GEN. GOMEZ.
LATER ACCOUNTS REDUCE AMERICAN LOSS

(Associated Press)

El Paso, June 21, 8:37 p. m.—There has been a battle. Forty Americans reported killed and seventeen captured in clash with Carranza forces at Carrizal. Carranza General Gomez killed, Juarez authorities, who announced clash, admit.

Carrizal is a station on the Mexican National railroad, 150 miles south of El Paso.

ON AUTHORITY OF OBREGON

Washington, June 22.—Secretary of War Baker conferred with President Wilson this morning on the Mexican situation. The secretary of war later conferred with Secretary Lansing of the state department.

Neither General Funston or Washington officials had received an official report of the Carrizal fight up to 10 o'clock. Secretary Baker said he had heard from unofficial sources of an alleged statement that General Obregon was assuming the responsibility for orders to the Mexican detachment with attacked the Americans.

AMERICAN LOSS REDUCED

El Paso, June 22.—The American loss was twelve killed, including the commander, whose name is unknown, and seventeen were captured by Mexicans in the battle at Carrizal. The Americans were a detachment of the Tenth cavalry, a negro regiment.

MEXICANS LOST HEAVILY

The Mexicans lost fourteen killed and thirty wounded, the Mexican consulate announced. The Americans removed their own wounded. Full details of the battle were received from the Villa Ahumada consulate.

DEFINITE NEWS WILL BE DELAYED

It would take a courier or survivors of the American detachment many hours to reach Pershing's base. Conflicting stories of the fight have been received here. They seem to indicate, however, that the Americans were trapped or ambushed and suffered their chief losses by machine gun fire.

MEXICANS LEAVING JUAREZ

The Mexican garrison had more than half evacuated Juarez, opposite here, at 10 o'clock this morning. It is officially reported that three train loads of soldiers have gone south, and three others are ready to move.

INQUIRY FROM MEXICO

Washington, June 27.—An official communication has been received from the Mexican foreign office announcing the clash between Mexican and American troops at Carrizal, saying the de facto government found it difficult to understand why the American troops were so far from their base. The communication was delivered to Secretary Lansing by Ambassador Designate Arredondo. Arredondo, after seeing Mr. Lansing, said he asked explanations of why American troops were approaching Carrizal and the reported action of General Pershing occupying Casas Grandes and Nueva Casas Grandes. Secretary Lansing had no official information of the Carrizal affair and didn't know what Mexican towns or whether any had been occupied by American troops. Arredondo said he was calling Secretary Lansing's attention to what is called "lack of prudence of the American commander in approaching the Mexican railway."

CLASH AT CARRIZAL

El Paso, June 22.—According to various accounts reaching here, the American losses seem to have been about twenty and the Mexican losses forty. The battle took place about 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning and lasted about an hour, and apparently ended with both sides withdrawing.

J. C. Hubble was the American who brought the report here, and his story

is corroborated by James Maxey, an American, who was also on the train. Hubble and Maxey said they talked with Carranza officers at Villahermosa, and they said the Mexicans claimed to have killed seventeen Americans and to have taken forty prisoners, which contradicts earlier reports. They said several hundred Americans and one hundred and twenty Mexicans were engaged in the fight.

Hubble declared that the Mexican officers asserted that General Gomez went forward to the Americans under a flag of truce. Directly the Americans began deploying in a semi-circle, and Gomez, believing he was to be attacked, gave the order for his machine guns to fire. He was later killed by a pistol shot.

PERSHING HAS NO REPORT

San Antonio, June 22.—General Pershing wired General Funston this afternoon that he hadn't received any report on the Carrizal fight. He said he had sent two squadrons of the Eleventh cavalry to get into touch with the troops of the Tenth engaged at Carrizal. Officers drew inference from reports current that Captain Charles T. Boyd, in command of Troop M, Tenth cavalry, was engaged in the battle of Carrizal.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY

Washington, June 22.—The administration sees no reason in the Mexican accounts of the Carrizal clash for a change of policy. No decision will be made, however, until a report is had from General Pershing.

President Wilson said in view of the fact that the fight is an incident for which subordinate commanders are responsible, it is not likely to precipitate fighting. The Mexican foreign office communication sought an explanation of the presence of American troops so far from their base, and its tone and contents are taken to indicate that Carranza seeks to disclaim responsibility and make it plain the de facto government is not trying to expel Americans by force.

IN THE ARMY AT ONCE

A resolution was submitted to Chairman Hay, of the House military affairs committee, authorizing the president to draft members of the state militia willing to take the federal oath immediately into the regular army. Chairman Hay will ask for immediate action on the resolution tomorrow.

The resolution given Chairman Hay would provide for service during a "period of emergency" instead of a "period of war." It also would authorize the president to combine incomplete units, bring them to war strength and appoint officers.

A BIG EVENT

Adjustment Sale of Goldman's Stars
Saturday, June 24th

The big Adjustment Sale being advertised in the Star promises to be one of the most important sales ever held in this city.

Mr. B. Goldman informs us that he has an immense stock on hand and circumstances compel an immediate adjustment of the entire stock. In order to effect the desired ends, he must sell several thousand dollars worth of goods in a short time. This accounts for the startling slashes in prices to be made for this sale, and it is to be expected that the sale will be a success, and the store crowded from its opening to the end.

The Star is glad to call this sale to the special attention of its readers, knowing well that those who attend will have every reason to be glad they did so.

Framed an unframed pictures at The Book Shop.

MEN FROM MISSOURI

Also from Kansas and California
Ordered to Entrain for the
Border at Once

(Associated Press)

Washington, June 22.—Orders have been issued by the war department for the Missouri, Kansas and California militia to be ready to entrain for the border as soon as possible.

BIG COMPANY
BOUGHT A MAXWELL

The Florida Soft Phosphate & Lime Company yesterday bought a Maxwell touring car from R. R. Carroll, the Maxwell dealer. The car was bought for the company's sales manager, Mr. J. D. Rooney, who will use it in traveling over the state in the interest of the company's product "Phoslime." Mr. D. A. Smith, the painter, is placing the company's big circular trade mark on the doors of the car so that wherever it goes Phoslime will be advertised. Mr. Rooney will start out in a few days and expects to cover the entire state as rapidly as possible.

COMPANY OF HOME GUARDS

There is a movement on foot to organize a company of home guards for Ocala, now that the city is without the protection of a military company. All persons interested in the movement are requested to meet at the rooms of the Commercial Club in the Merchants' block, second floor, at 8 o'clock this evening to discuss the matter.

KNOTT WILL CONTEST
ELECTION OF CATTS

Jacksonville, June 22.—At a conference of Mr. Knott's friends in Jacksonville it was definitely decided to contest the nomination for governor. Suit has already been instituted in Leon county and suits will be instituted in precincts throughout the whole state. Mr. Knott's friends feel that enough discrepancies have occurred in the counting of second choice votes to more than offset Mr. Knott's lead over him.

A friend of Dr. Montgomery in Ocala received yesterday a letter from the doctor, who was in jail in Gainesville, protesting against the report that he was imprisoned for trying to choke his mother. The doctor claimed that he was peacefully minding his own business in his office Sunday, when certain parties tried to kill him, opening fire on the house from behind trees some distance away. This much of the story was corroborated by a Micanopy Sunday, and was warned by the people to keep away from the vicinity of Montgomery's office. The Star received its report from the Gainesville Sun, but it is willing to give Dr. Montgomery as much correction as it can. Montgomery's friends are puzzled what to do with him. He is conceded to be a most kindhearted man and a superb physician when he is sober. Ocala has seen how much trouble he can make when he is drunk. It is likely that if he could be put somewhere where he could obtain no whisky he would make one of the best of citizens.

Fire Chief Chambers and one of the firemen will be treated to coca-cola in bottles if they will call at the Dixie Cafe, opposite the station, and present this little advertisement. The Ocala Coca-Cola Bottling Works.

MARION COUNTY SOLDIERS
OFF FOR MEXICOGREAT OUTPOURING OF PUBLIC SENTIMENT DURING
THEIR LAST DAY IN THE CITY

Early this morning the Ocala Rifles left for Jacksonville, the first stage of their probable journey to the border, and perhaps far down into Mexico.

In their last day in the city, the men received abundant testimony to the fact that they were very close to the heart of the community, and that all the people had suddenly awakened to their worth. There was nothing too good for them; their money was refused at the cigar and refreshment stands, their uniforms were their tickets at the theater, and in all ways possible the citizens strove to show that they appreciated their bravery and patriotism.

They were a cheerful and well-behaved set of young men, doing their work with efficiency, staying in or around the army most of the time, and going down town only on duty or leave. There were enough duties and enough leaves, however, to cause them to keep the streets lively, and almost everywhere one looked there was a bunch of their brown suits and rakish hats.

There was not an intoxicated man in the entire hundred, from the time they answered the first call until they left, and that is a record seldom attained by any company.

Nearly all slept in the armory Tuesday night. The hard coats were a great contrast to the comfortable bed they had been used to, but most of them made out very well, and looked fresh and chipper when they lined up Wednesday for "grub call." Drills and getting their equipment ready took up most of the day.

In the meantime, preparations had been made to give them an ovation when they came out for their evening parade, and the time was short and everything was informal there was an expression of sentiment that made the boys feel mighty good.

Shortly after eight o'clock, the east and south sides of the square were lined with the waiting people. A majority of the autos in town were standing by the curbs, both sides of the street south of the courthouse, and the west side of Main being fairly packed with cars, beside many down in the side streets. The sidewalks were crowded, and the Ocala House veranda, lighted up for the occasion, was well filled. The band, led by its veteran director, Albert Gerig, was in the band stand, and all waited anxiously for the soldiers to appear.

Meantime around at the armory the company was lining up for the last parade it should give in its home city for some time. All the boys were in line, rookies as well as veterans, and when they moved forward in a column of squads they made quite an imposing array.

A Compliment to the Star
When the company reached the Star office, that grim and grimy brick block, chum and side partner to the armory for twenty years, and its next-door neighbor until the Temple theater was built, the column halted, the men faced to the right and gave the Star three cheers. It was a tribute seldom given a newspaper by a military organization, it was one of the finest compliments the Star ever received, and all the force sincerely appreciates it.

Then the company resumed its march and the alert pace of the men soon carried them to the square. Used to the leisurely pace of civilians, the people were rather astonished at the rapid gait of the young soldiers; hardly had the drumbeats been heard and the head of the column come into sight at the Fort King crossing of Main when the company was on the square. The band struck up and the people cheered at the front ranks came out of the narrow pass of Main

street. In a column of squads, with the officers at the head and the colors in the center, they marched around the square. The people did not cheer them much; perhaps they felt too deeply, but they watched the little column with tense interest, and the one thought common to all was, "How many of them will be here when they march around the square again."

The parade did not last long. The company after passing around the square marched to in front of the Ocala House, wheeled and returned to the armory. Brief as the event was, nothing has stirred Ocala so deeply since the day over eighteen years ago when the same company, composed of boys, most of whom are middle-aged men now, left the city for the Spanish-American war.

As the soldiers broke ranks at the armory, their attention was called to some beautiful and appropriate music in the Temple, where the singing of patriotic songs was led by Mrs. Van Hood, and Messrs. Lester Lucas and Linn Sanders.

The W. C. T. U. Supper

During all this time adequate preparations were being made to refresh the inner man. All the afternoon and evening the members of the W. C. T. U. had been preparing a toothsome and substantial supper. Tables were arranged in the form of a cross in the armory and fairly loaded down with good things. The parade over, the soldiers were called into the armory, and before beginning on the feast were given a few words of cheer and appreciation by the ministers of the city. Brief talks were made by Revs. Gross, Herndon and Stephens, and Mr. Gross invoked divine guidance and protection for the young soldiers.

Another pretty and inspiring ceremony took place when seven of the most charming members of Ocala's budding young womanhood went around among the boys and on the breast of each pinned a dainty bouquet and a white ribbon. It will not be surprising if some of those ribbons are treasured to Mexico and return.

After Mr. Herndon asked a blessing the supper was served.

Just as the boys were about to begin on their supper, a telegram received by the Star from El Paso was read. It told of the attack of Mexicans on Americans, the killing of forty of our men and the capture of seventeen. It said to the credit of the boys that the news did not seem to affect their appetites.

The armory was prettily decorated for the occasion, the national colors being grouped over the tables, and flowers tastefully arranged. The band was present, and played Dixie, which brought a storm of cheers. Then came, "O, Say Can You See by the Dawn's Early Light," and all heads were bared and the eyes of those present involuntarily turned toward the flag.

A social commingling followed and lasted until the men had to begin to make preparations for leaving. Everybody seemed bright and cheerful, tho some of the mothers present had to smile with Spartan courage thru their tears as their eyes followed with fear mingled with pride every movement of their soldier sons.

At 11 o'clock there was a call, and the soldiers began picking up their guns and equipments and moving toward the street. Soon they stood in double line before the armory, awaiting the order to march, while their friends waited with them.

At 11:20 the bugle rippled, the

FIERCE FIGHT ON
VERDUN FIGHTTeutons Made Strong Attempt
to Break ThruAFTER LONG MONTHS OF DISPUTE GREECE HAS YIELDED TO
DEMANDS OF ALLIES

(Associated Press)

London, June 22.—The Germans heavily attacked the French lines on the Verdun front last night, capturing first line trenches between the Fumin wood and Chenis, says the French statement. The German attack followed a heavy bombardment. An attack on the slope of Deadman's hill was checked by grenade detachments. Violent engagements occurred west and south of Fort Vaux, on the right bank of the river. A German grenade attack was checked by French fire.

KAISER'S SUB ARRIVED AT
CARTAGENA

Madrid reports the arrival at Cartagena of the German submarine U-36, supposedly carrying an autographed letter from Kaiser Wilhelm to King Alfonso, thanking the Spanish monarch for his reception of the interned Germans from Kamerun.

GREECE HAD TO YIELD

An Athens dispatch says Greece has accepted unconditionally the demands of the entente powers. The new Greek cabinet will be non-political. Paris says a Saloniki dispatch reports the entente fleet has been ordered to cruise before Pireaus, port of Athens.

colors went to the head of the column, the captain gave the order, and "Tramp, tramp, tramp; the boys" were marching.

Past the gleaming front of the Temple and the owl-like Star, and thru the quiet streets they went on what was maybe the first of many marches. At the Seaboard station they had to wait fully three hours. With the rapidly-growing aptitude of born soldiers they made themselves comfortable on the bricks at the foot of Magnolia street. Some stretched out and went sound asleep, and some sat and smoked, but most of them put in their time talking with their friends. Fully a hundred people, many of them ladies, remained with the boys to the last.

It was almost 3 a. m. when the special train with the Plant City company rolled in. The Ocala boys climbed aboard their cars, which were hooked on, and with a parting roar of cheers from themselves and their new comrades the train pulled out. Scores stood on the tracks to watch the rear car till with a last wink of the tail lights it vanished around the curve, and Ocala's soldiers were on their way.

CARD OF THANKS

In behalf of the officers and men of Company A, Second Infantry, I wish to tender our thanks and sincere appreciation to the good people of Ocala, and especially the ladies, for last evening's program.

As long as we live we will remember our last evening among you and will point with pride to those mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts who so bravely bid good-bye to those of us who are going to the defense of the flag and the nation we love so well. It shall be the earnest endeavor of every officer and man in our company to make a record of which our good people will be proud.

Some of us you will perhaps never see again, but if the "Stars and Stripes in triumph shall wave" and our army is victorious in its efforts to restore peace and prosperity and assure the blessings of liberty to our beloved people, our blood will not have been shed in vain.

With tender memories of love and devotion to the people of our home county and city, we bid you good-bye.

L. A. Snow, Detailed.
Approved: R. L. Marsh,
Second Lieutenant.

Fresh seeds of all kinds at the
Ocala Seed Store.

CONDITION IN
MARION COUNTY

Of Dixie Highway and Paradise Loop
Reported at Orlando by Representatives from Ocala

At the meeting of the Central Florida Highway Association in Orlando today, a report on the condition of the Dixie Highway and Paradise Loop in Marion county will be made through Mr. J. J. Gerig, acting for Mr. J. D. Rooney, director for this county. The report, prepared by Louis H. Chazal, president of the Marion county council of the Dixie Highway association, states that the two branches of the great highway are in good condition, and that where there are rough places repairs will be made.

At the recent meeting of the Central Florida Highway association in Ocala, a resolution was adopted calling for a report from each county in the center of the state on the condition of the highway, with a view of changing the route in the case of counties failing to carry out their pledges to provide and up-keep the stretches of road within their boundaries.

The report for Marion county follows:

J. D. Rooney, Director for Marion County, Central Florida Highway Association, Ocala, Fla.

My dear Mr. Rooney: I herewith give you a report on the condition of the Dixie Highway, and of Paradise Loop, in Marion county, in order that you might, in turn, report to the Central Florida Highway association at its annual meeting in Orlando, June 22.

The roads in this county designated as the main line of the Dixie Highway, from the Alachua to the Lake county line, and as the Paradise Loop from Ocala to the Citrus county line, are hard-surfaced roads that have been down for some time, and many of the members of the Central Florida Highway association have been over them. The general condition of these roads is at present good. Where there are any rough places the county commissioners, according to Mr. W. D. Carn, chairman, will have repairs made at once. There is a rather rough stretch of about a mile within the corporate limits of Reddick, and I have, through Mr. C. M. Carn, taken up with the citizens of that place the question of putting the stretch in good shape. I feel confident that action will be taken in the matter.

Commissioner Carn informs me that the main line of the Dixie Highway for 22 miles north of the Lake county line has been contracted out for up-keeping, and that the commissioners hope very shortly to contract for the up-keep of the balance of the highway in this county. The commissioners hope to make a contract for the up-keep of the Paradise Loop by the first of the year. This is in addition to the repairs that I have already mentioned.

The commissioners, I am pleased to report, have agreed to purchase and place along the Dixie Highway the Dixie Highway official markers, and a contract has just been awarded for 100 reinforced concrete posts for the markers. The posts will be used, too, as mile posts. A hundred of the markers have been ordered.

It will probably be of great interest to the members of the Central Florida Highway association to know that Marion, one of the pioneer good roads counties of the state, having at present over 200 miles of hard-

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OCALA STAR VOTING COUPON

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